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RICHMOND PAYS ONE-SIXTH. is not only a fact that our cities and ons contribute by far the greater part Virginia's revenue, but nearly oneath of the whole sum raised from taxes polis and real and personal estate, enses, etc., is paid by Richmond,

the sum total of Virginia's revenue ased upon those subjects is about 734,511, of which about \$427,022 comes om Richmond, In other words, after deducting the

iminal expenses of this city and creditg the State with the school warrants awn in our favor, &c., Richmond contbutes a net sum of about \$313,429 per mum! This net sum of \$313,429 is expended by Virginia in various governental and educational expenses, and in making up the deficiencies of communities that do not raise enough taxes to reimburse the State on account of crimial expenses and school warrants.

Richmond is not asking any special legislation; nor does it expect exemption from any uniform and equal system of of its fraudulent features, retrenchment made applicable to the State but the moment is opportune for presenting these facts. Not only will they prove informatory to the majority tors from New York to show up in a cerof members of the Legislature, but they tain debate in the upper chamber of Conwill be news to hundreds of our own citi- gress prompts the New York Herald to zens, who, never having given special at- ask, "Is there a State of New York?" stention to the subject, have no idea what proportion we bear of the burdens of the what prompted it. As for the answer-State Government.

THE SITUATION.

we take from the columns of the Staunof events here can deny that in the event of the failure of retrenchment a tremendons leverage will be given to the move- ztitution, told us these subdivisions were ment in favor of a constitutional conven-

There are very serious doubts if the revenue measures so far passed will add materially to the State's income. And as we have frequently said, an increase of taxes, even to provide for our indigent veterans, is not to be thought of-until the public is satisfied that no other course is open to the Legislature.

We trust and believe that we take a calm and conservative view of the situation; but, really, we can see no escape on the other, and of the two courses, the former seems greatly preferable. The election of delegates to a constitutional convention at a time when the people were fretted with a Democratic Legislature for falling to do the work expected of it, could scarcely be favorable to our party-the more conservative element of our party certainly.

We find the individual members of the Legislature earnest advocates of retrenchment; but the problem has not yet been solved by them of securing that coincidence of opinion, without which concerted effort is impossible. However, here is what the Spectator says:

Our State Legislature is pretty to be impaled on one of other of two horns of a dilemma. Its members must vote to cut down the salaries and perguisites of their official friends, or they must face a con-stitutional convention, which will do away with a large body of those friends alto-gether. A third horn is so terrible that we had thought of leaving it unmention-od-If they leave Richmond with the knowledge that they have increased the rate of taxation, they will also have the dge that they will never be sent

there again. The increase of taxation for the benefit of our tailant veterans, while the great host of officials, great and small, are drawing the very same salaries and getring the same rees that they got twenty years ago-and which salaries and fees have just double the purchasing power they had twenty years ago-will raise a alorm among the tax-payers. To increase the taxes when the simple lopping off of useless office-holders and a general retreachment would also many enough for trenchment would give money enough for old soldiers and the increase of the interest and everything else, is so grave a mistake that the people would rise up

But it has turned out just as was look-But it has turned out just as was looked for. Every legislator is willing to cut
down expenses in every other legislator's
believick; but not in his own. And so it
will always be. The only substitute for
retranchment now is a constitutional
sinvention, and that alert reformer, Mr.
Withers, has already seen it and introduced a bill to that effect, as a solution
that is hound to come.
Nothing has better developed what is
the real casibre of this Legislature than
this proposition to increase the taxes.
Wednesday and on yesterday.

Before the election last November candidates were talking of retrenchment to get money to help the veterans; now they say raise the taxes to help the veterans. And while saying this they are introducing the regulation bills for the "relief" of county treasurers, sheriffs, and the like. On the work of this Legislature depends the question whether a constitutional convention will be forced on the State.

ANOTHER PENSION CALCULATION. The Topeka (Kan.) Capital rises to de-(end pension rascality. The Capital remarks that if the people understood better the pension laws and their operations there would be less "scandal" about them. The Charleston News and Courier, however, explains the Capital's champlonship of the pension outrages by a simple and interesting calculation.

The population of Kansas is about the same as that of South Carolina. The News and Courier says the share of Kansas in the pension appropriations is about \$2,560,000 annually. This represents the whole "profit" on the average cotton crop of South Carolina, if sold at the price of 7 cents per pound, and regarding 10 per cent, of the selling price as representing the average "net profit" realized by the grower-a very liberal estimate. So the pensior system, it appears, bestows on the people of Kansas every year, without work or any effort on their part to obtain it-a free gift from the governmenta sum equal to the whole profit they could make by growing cotton at 7 cents a pound by a year of hard labor. The conditions would be the same in South Carolina if she did not plant a single cotton seed, and yet received at the end of the season, from the government, the whole profit of an average crop, sold at a price considerably higher than the price received by the farmers this year.

On the same basis of calculation, the whole amount paid out annually by the government in pensions amounts to just half of the "gross" proceeds of the average cotton crop of the South, sold at 7 cents a pound, and is equivalent to giving to the favored States the "net profit" on a cotton crop of 40,000,000 bales, reckoning that profit at 10 per cent, of the sell-

Nor is this the worst of it. Another phase of the iniquity is that it subsidizes the North and the West largely at the expense of the South. This section is steadily drained to pay its proportion of the pension appropriations, yet practically none of the money it contributes for that purpose comes back to it.

However, we are glad to see that many eading papers in the North and the West do not sympathize with the inspiration of the Capital's defence of the system as it exists, and are continuing their fight for radical reform. And the hope for reform lies in the abundant evidence that these papers speak for the tax-payers of those sections, who are tired of bearing their part of a pension burden now approaching \$150,000,000 annually, half of which, it is declared, on good authority, goes to people who are not disabled, who are able to support themselves, and who are simply "frauds."

The northern and western tax-payers care nothing for the hardship the pension iniquity works against the South. have no regard to the discrimination against this section it involves. It is a question of dollars and cents as affeeting themselves and themselves alone. But this only emphasizes the promise of the issue they have raised becoming a burning one, and it none the lers behooves the South to unite with them in pressing that issue until the pension system shall have been thoroughly purged

STATES, OR NOT? The failure of the United States Sena-

The question is pertinent, no matter well, we don't know whether there is a State of New York or not. Once upon a time there was a State of New York. Indeed, once upon a time a goodly portion in the article appended hereto, which of this Continent south of Canada and racy, any more than in anything else that north of the Gulf of Mexico was divided is right and proper and of good report, ton Spectator. No unprejudiced observer up into a number of States. At least, a set of old fellows in knee-breeches and wigs, who framed a paper called a Con-States, and we for many years believed them, and acted upon the principle that they were in earnest. But what with latter day paternalism, centralization, government by injunction, etc., we are beginning to think that those old fellows, so far from being statesmen, as some have claimed, were a lot of giddy practical jokers, who deliberately went to work to perpetrate a fraud and a deception on a gullible posterity. We can even imagine how their shades must be laughing in their sleeves at the length of days the from retrenehment on the one hand and joke and deception were kept up. When the calling of a constitutional convention | we examine the Constitution in the light of modern developments and tendencies, we are constrained to suspect that it is a masterpiece of irony, rather than a masterplece of statesmanship, as it was once held to be, and taking this consideration with the others mentioned, we are really,

> to whether there are any States at all. FURLOUGHING INSANE PATIENTS.

> as above intimated, uncertain, not only as

to whether New York is a State, but as

We are informed that a bill will be introduced in the Legislature authorizing the superintendents of the insane hospitals of the State to furlough or parole patients, whore mental condition, in the opinion of the superintendents of the respective hospitals, will justify it.

This is a move in the right direction, Many patients, after varying periods of treatment, reach a degree of improvement just short of recovery, and yet fall to make further improvement in this direction. Frequently if such persons are returned to their homes, and are permitted to renew their interests in the affairs of life, surrounded by friends and relatives, their minds are stimulated, their latent energies awakened, and their recovery is

The superintendents of our hospitals should be given authority to grant paroles, where, in their epinion, the patients may be benefited, and where they could be entrusted to the care of their friends with reasonable degree of safety, the expense to be borne by the friends or relatives of the patients. This method is in use in other States, and has proved satisfactory to the hospital management, and has, without doubt, been an important factor in restoring many patients to mental health. It is done now to some extent by the superintendents of our State hospitals, but there should be a law au-

If they were frank enough to admit it, the single gold standard men were probably teld a good deal that they didn't know before about the wisdom and desirability and probable effect of the free coinage of silver by Senator Daniel on

POLL-TAX PREREQUISITE.

The Le Cate resolution proposing amend our State Constitution so as to make the payment of the poll tax a prerequisite to voting, has been favorably reported to the Senate.

No doubt it would be well enough for the Legislature to adopt this as one of the series of amendments to be transmitted to the next Legislature, but we may well doubt if it will be ratified by the people, unless there is a certainty that better machinery for executing it will be provided than we had of old.

For a good many years the poll-tax prerequisite was in force in this State. It was engrafted upon the Uzderwood Constitution by a subsequent amendment. The practical operation of it was that it imposed upon the party committees, or the candidates, the necessity of paying tha taxes of hundreds of men. Here in Richmond, indeed, we have known the City Democratic Committee to pay these taxes for thousands. The Republican committee did likewise, for then, as now, the Republicans could get plenty of money from their national committee.

In the Massey-Wise congressional contest in 1890 the two parties paid large sums for poll-tax receipts. The system as it was in operation then worked so badly, and was open to such abuses, it was repealed by a constitutional amendment, which was adopted by the people by an overwhelming majority.

The Dispatch is far from saying that such a tax cannot be laid so as to accomplish the purpose in view, but we are equally far from agreeing that our old system would ever prove acceptable. However, we think it well enough for this Legislature to propose this amendment. There has been much demand for itespecially from persons who are not very familiar with the operation of the former provision of our Constitution on this sub-

Between the adjournment of this Legislature and the assembling of the next nearly two years will clapse, and that will afford ample time for us to discuss the whole subject thoroughly. It may be that some genius will rise and point out how we may manage the system now much better than we did fifteen or twenty years ago.

All of the money derived from the capitation tax must go to the public school fund. It is so provided in the State Constitution. It would, however, be within the power of the Legislature to withhold from the school funds the special appropriation that it now makes, if the capitation tax could be relied upon to fill that void. Or, if the prerequisite should only bring in, say, an additional \$50,000 per annum, the special appropriations might be reduced by that amount, So, it will not do to argue that the general treasury will not be benefited by whatever increase the poll-tax prerequisite system might cause.

Korea is now reported to have called on Uncle Sam for protection from a threatened revolution. Verily, the whole world and the rest of mankind are coming to recognize the great and growing power of these United States. The Korean appeal is flattering to our pride, but we fear the rulers of that far country have failed to include in their diplomatic studies what is known as the Monroe

It is said that one of the purposes of Blanco in going into the Cuban wilderness is to meet Gomez and talk with that leader about the possibility of peace, with autonomy, for the island. But what about the reported Cuban determination to put to death all who make approaches of that sort, as exemplified in the murder of Ruiz?

It has been discovered that \$12,000,000 to \$20,000,000 is due the new city of New York on unpaid assessments in the boroughs, and the Greater Metropolis is probably not too great to look after the collection of the small amount. Mr. Bryan needn't worry. Old Virginia

never tires in the good work of Democor of real importance to the country. So the civil-service reformers themselves need reform, with a big R, accord-

ing to the Rev. Mr. Bailey! Well, well; whom shall we get to watch the watchmen on our walls? The Baltimore papers are now calling for immigration-with a view, we suppose to having enough members of the Legis-

lature, eventually, to elect a Baltimere man as senator. General Miles has been adding a great deal of gold lace to his uniform, it is reported. He couldn't well find room for any addition of tin to his soldierly quali-

It is a pity, of course, but it hardly seems strange, that the editor of a paper with a name like Kladderadatsch should get into prison.

Governor Bushnell made his best bow to the Virginia House of Delegates yesterday. His anti-Hanna Kurtzie he left The Great Medicine that Gives in Ohio. President Dole expresses himself as

highly pleased with the reception he and his whiskers have received in this coun-

Possibly it is only Spanish punctillo that responds in kind to our presentation of a warship.

The Maine stroke of the administration seems to have been really a peaceful one,

AGAINST THE NEW COUNTY.

The Resolutions Adopted by the Montgomery Mesting. At a largely attended meeting of the citizens of Montgomery county, held at uary, 1898, the following resolutions were

unanimously adopted: Whereas, it has been published in a Radford newspaper that it is proposed to introduce a bill in the Legislature to create a new county, which will take about one third of the territory of Montgomery, including most of its substantial citizens and much of its most valuable land; and, whereas, there has been no discussion of such a project before the people, and such a question did not, in any way, enter into the last canvass for the Legislature; and, whereas, General Wharton was elected to represent the interest of the whole county of Montgomery; and, whereas, the loss of one third of the territory, and about the same proportion of the taxable value of this county, will increase the county taxation of the residue of the county from 3 to 50 per cent., and the creation of a new county will largely increase the burden of taxation within the bounds of the new county to build court-house and jail and to pay expenses and salaries of a new set of county officers; and, whereas, it is the avowed purpose of all political about one third of the territory of Mont-

parties and the desire of all the people to decrease the number of public officers, and lessen the burden of salaries, ex-penses, and taxation, and the creation of a new county will do violence to such purpose and desire; and, whereas, we be-

purpose and desire; and, whereas, we believe, yea, know, that no good purpose will be served by the creation of the new county, but that harm and lous will result; we, the people of Montgomery county, in mass-meeting assembled

Resolve, That we are heartly and sincerely opposed to the movement to create a new county; and that we enter our protest against the same, and that we earnestly and respectfully request General Wharton and Senator Claytor to do all in their power to defeat such a measure, if it is introduced into the Legislature.

measure, if it is introduced into the Legislature. Resolve. That copies of these resoluions be sent to General Wharton and

tions be sent to General Wharton and Senator Claytor and published in the Montgomery Messenger, and that the Roanoke and Richmond papers be requested to publish them.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

R. I. ROOP, Chairman.

Guy F. Ellett, Secretary.

NEWPORT NEWS.

A Tunnel Practically Decided Upon-Receptions-Sent On.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., January 27 .-(Special.)-it is practically decided that tunnel will be constructed under the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad tracks at their intersection with Twenty-eighth street. At present it is a grade crossing, very dangerous, as it connects the two sections of the city, and is used for traffle as well as by pedestrians. A number of hairbreadth escapes from fatal accidents have occurred at this crossing. and the Common Council, as well as the necessity of a tunnel or overhead bridge. The latter is preferred, for the reason that the land damages will not be as

that the land damages will not be as great, and then, too, the grade will not be too steep for heavy traffic.

Mrs. N. H. Turner gave a reception at her residence, in the East End, last night n honor of her guests, Miss Mary fin and Miss Bertha Davis, of James City county.

Another reception was given last night by Miss Lessie Rolph at her residence, on Twenty-sixth street, in honor of ner guests, Miss Aubrey Hogg and Miss Bessie Bray, of Gioucester county.

Attorney W. J. Nelms has gone to Staunton on telephone business. He is interested in the establishment of a longdistance line between Richmond and Norfolk.

Mr. Collis P. Huntington is still in the city, and will remain till to-morrow morning, when he will leave on a special train for New York. Charles Macheray, who was arrested yes terday on a warrant charging him with

committing a criminal assault on Alma Gerlah, a 16-year-old girl, was to-day given a hearing before Justice Brown in the Police Court. Macheray was sent on to await the action of the grand jury.

HOWARDSVILLE.

Farmers Clearing Up Fields-Per sonals and Briefs.

HOWARDSVILLE, VA., January 27. (Special.)-The warm sun and high winds of the past week have so dried the soil that it is in a fair condition to plough. Our up-to-date farmers have begun to clear up their fields, repair fences, and indeed, some fallowing has been done. If this weather continues it will become general in a few days.

Mr. Richard Thomas, who has been nere visiting his parents for several

weeks past, returned this afternoon to Mississippi, where he is manager of a large cotton plantation.

Mr. James Haffner left to-day for a continued pleasure and business trip to

Mr. M. Lenean has returned from Richmond, where he went on business connected with the new soapstone quarry, of

which he is manager.

The numerous friends of Mrs. George Patterson will be delighted to hear that she has almost recovered from her recent evere attack of pneumonia. Mr. Charles Scott returned this after-

noon from a very important business trip to Richmond. Miss Sallie Scott, who was taken so sick while visiting Mr. Horseley, of an invalid for many weeks, is now re-

Travellers' Rest, has almost entirely re-ROANOKE POSTMASTERSHIP.

The Talk Regarding It-A Surprise

Candidate. ROANOKE, VA., January 27 .- (Special.) The gene al talk of the town is that S. Harris Hoge will be the next Roanoke postmaster. He is a brother of J. Hampton Hoge, late Republican candidate for Congress in the Sixth District, and who was recently defeated for the district at-

orneyship for the Western District. Harris Hoge is a lawyer of considerable ability, and was a free-silver Democrat prior to about one year ago. He voted for President McKinley, and has since his change over from Democracy been an ardent supporter of Republican prin-ciples. Of course there is nothing deficiples. Of course there is nothing defi-nite as to his appointment, but the story being circulated that the matter leaked out by S. Everett Sproul's going to Colo-nel Hoge and asking for his endorsement nel Hoge and asking for his endorsement for the place. It was generally believed that Mr. Sproul could then get the office for the asking, and leading Republicans were unanimous in the opinion that Mr. Sproul could be the next postmaster if he wanted it. It is alleged that Colonel Hoge told Mr. Sproul that when he lost Hoge told Mr. Sproul that when he lost he district attorneyship that he had een given assurance that he might name the next postmaster, and that he had already endorsed his brother. Until this time Mr. Hoge was never mentioned.

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until I was able to work all day without any inconvenience. I have taken Hood's Pills for constipation, and I am better today than I have been for five years. Since taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and Hood's Pills I feel rested in the morning. I am less nervous and am sure I have richer and purer blood. I have always been bothered with scrofula, but now I am rid of it. Before my last child was born I took Hood's Sarsaparilla, and my girl baby was fat and strong, while my other child was not well and lived to be only two years old." Mrs. E. F. DEAL, Box 419, Missouri Valley, Iowa.

WILLIAMSBURG.

Proposed Bank Building-Pleasant Entertainment.

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., January 27 .-(Special.)-The directors of the Peninsula Bank at a meeting held last night, President M. R. Harrell in the chair, adopted the plans and specifications as submitted by Alexander Probasco, an architect of bank and post-office building to be lo-cated on Main street. The building will be a handsome two-story brick structure. On the first floor will be the bank and post-office, each occupying well-arranged and airy rooms, while the floor above will be rented out for offices. The business of the bank has so far exceeded the most sanguine hopes of its friends and the citizens generally, that the proposed building will soon be a matter of neces-

Miss Mattle Floyd Marshall, of James City, and Mr. William Hennett Morgan, of New Kent, were married last evening at the Methodist church, near Lightfoot, by Rev. Mr. Potts, the pastor. A number of friends of the contracting parties were present to witness the ceremony. After receiving the congratulations of their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan left for their home, in New Kent.

Rev. Shedrack Tucker, formerly of "Lis place, now a resident of Newport News, place, now a resident of Newport News, place, now a resident on Main

yesterday sold his residence on Main treet, near the college. Among the arrivals at the Colonial Inn this morning were Mrs. Thomas L. Moore, Mrs. Charles L. Ruffin, and Mr. Charles L. Ruffin, of Richmond; Miss Clara L. Ruffin, of Richmond; Miss Laver, Moore, of Alexandria; Miss Irwin Laver, of Fairfax, and Miss Annie Lowering, of Baltimore. The party came on the train

from Richmond and spent the day sight-Mr. Robert Rose handsomely entertained last evening the members of his minstrel troupe at his cosey home, on east Main street. After the elegant supper the guests spent the evening very pleasantly in social converse, which was in-terspersed with music, both vocal and in-

Miss Birdie Johnston, daughter of Mr. nd Mrs. J. P. Johnston, residing near Lightfoot, James City, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Henley. Dr. H. O. Duerson has returned from a

delightful visit to Spotsylvania.

Mr. Charles W. Coleman and Miss
Elizabeth Coleman returned this morning from a visit to Old Point.

Miss Marian Jones leaves in a few days to visit her aunt, Mrs. T. S. Lacy, in Baltimore, and Miss Susan Webb takes her departure during the week for Nor-THE VALLEY CITY.

> Improvements-In Need o Funds-Personal Notes.

STAUNTON, VA., January 27 .- (Special.)-Materials for paving Johnston street are being located along the line of the proposed work, which will be begun n a few days. From Richmond comes the Belgian blocks to be used on the slopes. while the levels will be payed with brick from Chilhowie, furnished by the Adams Brick Company, of Lynchburg, The city's hands will put down the materials, and be supervised by Superintendent M. Hounihan and City-Engineer Carter Harri-

Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Danner, or Richmond, with their children, who have been guests of Mr. Danner's mother, near Raphine, are in the city, en route for Richmond.

The King's Daughters' Hospital is sadiy In need of funds to meet its expenses, and an appeal is being made to friends to come to its relief. At this time there are no paying patients, but only charity in-mates in the hospital.

Mrs. Kate Kilby West, of Roanoke, is

in town, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Mc-Henry Holliday, on west Frederick street. Henry Holliday, on west Frederick street,
Mr. and Mrs. William H. Hyer, who are
on pleasure bent, have left Pasadena,
Cail. and are now in Mexico. From Monterey Mr. Hyer writes interesting letters
descriptive of the habits and homes of
the Mexicans. the Mexicans.

the Mexicans.

Mr. A. M. Valz is erecting an omce building of brick, with stone front, on the Johnston-street side of his recent purchase—the old Stribling property, on Market and Johnston streets

an invalid for many weeks, is now regarded by her friends as extremely ill.

To visit Mr. and Mrs. James H. Dooley at "Maymont." Miss Florence Elder left yesterday for Richmond.

Mrs. Robert Robertson, of the Univer-Mrs. Robert Robertson, of the University of Virginia, is here, being entertained at the handsome home of Captain and Mrs. Garnett G. Gooch.

ALEXANDRIA.

The Question of the Removal of the

County Court-House. ALEXANDRIA, VA., January 27 .- (Spe cial.)-At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Alexandria county held yesterday, the controversy between the city and county of Alexandria over the division of the court-house property on North Columbus street was discussed at length, and a bill was framed to be forwarded to Delegate Barley. This bill determines the respective interests of the city and the county in the property, fixing it at onehalf each. The measure will conflict very seriously with the one framed by the City Council on Tuesday night, in which the interests of the city and county are designated as three-fourths and fourth, respectively. What action Colonel Barley will take when these widely-differ-ent bills reach him is a matter of con-

The Board of Supervisors drew up another bill to be presented to the Legisla-ture, authorizing the removal of the ourt-house from Alexandria to Fort Myer Heights, and a third bill for the issuance of bonds to the amount of \$20,-000, to pay for the erection of the proposed new court-house and jail. The re-moval of the county seat from Alexandria to some more convenient point has long been the wish of the residents of Alexandria county, but this cannot be done until the partition of the Columbus street property is made, and an act of Legislature legalizes the change.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Young Nottoway Farmer-Enterteinment for a Church.

BLACKSTONE, VA., January 27 .- (Sp. cial.)-Mr. S. J. Turner, a young farmer living about five miles from here, attempted to commit suicide yesterday by taking morphine. Mr. Turner was in apparently good health yesterday, and no cause can be imagined for such an act. He ways that times are so hard that he thought he had better kill himself. Mr. Turner has been married only a few

Professor A. H. Merrill, of Vanderbilt University, gave a charming racital in the music hall last night, under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal church. A large and enthusiastic audience greeted him, and quite a neat sum was realized.

Dr. E. G. Booth, of James City county, but formerly of this county, is in town, and meets with a warm reception from his many friends. The many friends of Dr. W. J. Harris,

of this place, who recently underwent a very critical surgical operation at St. Luke's Home, are pleased to learn that he is rapidly improving, and that his con-dition is all that could be expected.

Dend Under a Bridge. BEDFORD CITY, VA., January 27 .-(Special.)-Captain Shuffleberger, of a west-bound freight train of the Norfolk

and Western railway, brought the intelligence here this morning that while crossing Little Otter bridge he observed to be only two years old." Mrs. E. F.
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jured to rise, perished during the night from exposure and the very cold atmos-

Charged With Poisoning Her Hus-

BREWSTER. VA., January Z.—(Special.)—A negress by the name of Mary Banner was arrested here on last Saturday by Constable C. M. Holmes, on awarrant charging her with having poisoned her husband, Cowan Banner, who died very suddanly about three weeks ago band. ed her husband, Cowan Banner, who died very suddenly about three weeks ago Banner lived about four miles east of this place, and was considered a very respectable colored man. It is charged by Banner's brother that a poison known as Rough on Rats was administered to him in some coffee.

Just a Way They Have. (Chicago News.)

Miss Cutting: Good morning, Mr. Soft-leigh; you are not looking well this morn-

Softleigh: Do Ib god ad awful code id by head, ad ub all broge ub.
Miss Cutting: Indeed! Strange thing about colds, isn't it?
Softleigh: What do you mean?
Miss Cutting: Why, they always seem
to settle in the weakest place.

Gone Glimmering. & (Chicago News.)

Mattle: What has become of your Anti-Slang Society that you took so much in-terest in a few months ago? Helen: Oh, it's in the consomme. The president got nutty and imagined she was the only dent in the pan, so we gave her the willies and the dinky-dink associa-

Circumstantial Evidence.

(Chicago News.) Sherlock Holmes (at the theatre): That woman in front of us has remarkably Cubebs: How do you know; you haven't seen her face? Sherlock Holmes: But she has laughed

incessantly ever since the curtain went I Gave Her a Rose.

(New York Press.) I gave her a rose. It was white as snow, Green is the bank where such buds blow! But dank was the mould that clasped its And sent its canker through spray and

shoot.
Ah, that a bud should lift its head
With lips so fair when its heart is dead!
(Ah, the bank where a white flower
grows!)
Its heart was black as its root was red.
I gave her a rose.

She looked at me out of innocent eyes, Limpid and lashed with shy surprise, And laid the flower on her breast to keep. (Ah, the bank where a white flower blows! Ah, the mould where the black leaves

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